

## JOHN CARLILE JR. AND SARAH ELIZABETH CROOK CARLILE

John Carlile was born October 29, 1856 to John Carlile Sr. and Elizabeth Williamson at Spanish Fork, Utah. He died June 21, 1902 at the age of 46 at Heber City, Utah, and was buried in the Heber cemetery.

Sarah Elizabeth Crook Carlile was born November 28, 1859, to John Crook and Mary Giles Crook at Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah. She died August 19, 1919, in Salt Lake City, and was buried in the Heber City Cemetery.

John Carlile was three years old when his father died. He and his sisters, Sarah Ann, Christina, Mary and Elizabeth helped grandmother operate her 60 acre farm as best they could. There was one brother, George, but he died so John Jr. was the only boy. John was a great lover of horses. The first horse he owned was a new-born colt that he raised on the bottle. He married Sarah

BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

Elizabeth Crook, November 28, 1878. There were two other couples married the same day, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Rasband and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Murdock. The Carliles and Rasbands made the trip to Salt Lake together by wagon and were married in the old Endowment House by Joseph F. Smith. It took a day and a half each way. After their marriage they lived in a little log house just north of the present rock house of Fred G. Carlile and later built the sandstone house. He owned many fine horses. He often furnished four and six-horse teams for parades at celebrations. He was responsible for the first purebred stallion to be brought into this valley, also the first registered shorthorn cattle. He was co-owner in the first binder to come to this valley. He directed the building of the Wasatch Creamery; He played in the brass band and was constable of peace several terms; a member of the Town Board several terms; he helped organize the North Field Irrigation Company, and was a director and Water Master for several years. He was called on a mission to the Southern States, but due to illness returned home in about six months.

Sarah Elizabeth Crook Carlile was the first white child born in Fort in Heber Valley. She was left a widow early in life. She reared her eight living children, the oldest 21 years and the youngest three years of age. She held many Church offices and was a mid-wife in our community. She was affectionately called Aunt Sarah, by all in the community. She was president of the Heber Second Ward Relief Society for many years and was president at the time of her death. She administered the sick and helped with the dead, being called out all hours of the night or day. She was a fine seamstress and did many kind deeds for the poor, sick, and home-bound.

There were 10 children born to this couple, John William (deceased), Mary (deceased), Helen (deceased), Heber (deceased), Alma Spouncer, Frederick Giles (now deceased), Charles Francis, Mrs. Paul Ernest Knight (Hazel Kezia), Mrs. Joseph Lora Smith (Emma Amelia) and Mrs. Robert Patterson (Sarah Manila).

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